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- Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 13 October 1953, 48 MiG-15s, 3 Yak-11s, 2 biplanes and 1 monoplane were observed at Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 34) airfield. There was a 10/10 overcast at an altitude of about 1,000 meters, a southwesterly wind of about 15 km/h, and good visibility. Individual flights were made by Yak-11s and biplanes. At about 10:15 a.m., two MiG-15s individually took off and made local flights. The flight control station was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Vehicular traffic observed included trucks and jeeps. The latter three with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Little activity was conducted by personnel wearing black-bordered blue epaulets at the eastern garages. Six trucks: 1 tank truck and 1 Stalin-type tractor were parked in front of the garages, while van-like truck and weapon-carrier both drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets entered and left the installation. No aircraft were parked at the former dispersal area of Pe-2s in the depression near the pyrotechnic plant. Truck with driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets moved from the dispersal area toward the villas, west of the railroad station near the pyrotechnic plant. The southern and eastern AA gun emplacement and the pertaining bunker areas were unguarded and unoccupied. Trucks with drivers wearing black-bordered epaulets, with driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets and driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets were observed in the field area. No changes were observed in the status of the ground radio installations.
 

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- At Therasienfeld, 1 Li-2 and 26 gray crates were observed in front of the repair hangar and 2 MiG-15s were parked in the hangar. One Canvas-covered Il-28s was seen east of the hangar. Six van-like trucks were parked at the motor vehicle parking lot, while tank truck and truck No with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets moved toward the installation. The Tritol plant was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Construction material, empty crates, sand and rollers were stored in the yard of the factory. No vehicular traffic was observed. The radar station north of the Tritol plant was unchanged.
 

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3. The Artillerie Kaserne at Wiener Neustadt military post was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. No change was observed on the status of the antenna installations. Vehicular traffic included sedan [ ] and truck [ ], the latter with driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were posted at the Nachrichten Kaserne which apparently was still occupied under its capacity. Source was not able to estimate the occupation strength because of the little activity observed. Four trucks [ ] and two vanlike trucks were parked in the barracks yard.

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4. Between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on 17 October, the airfield was occupied by about 44 MiG-15s of which 32 were counted, 3 Yak-11s, 2 single-engine high-wing monoplanes and 1 biplane. The field was covered with fog up to 11 a.m. and after 11 a.m., there was a 6/10 overcast, a visibility range of about 25 km and calm weather. No air activity was observed. No changes were observed in the status of the ground radio installations. An antenna mast with a cone-shaped bracing was newly erected north of the western edge of the wood, near the depression.

5. No aircraft were observed in or in front of the repair hangar at Theresienfeld. A canvas-covered Il-28 was still parked at the eastern side of the hangar.

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6. At Wiener Neustadt military post, the Artillerie Kaserne was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Trucks [ ] were observed in the barracks yard; the latter truck was observed moving near the villas west of the railroad station near the pyrotechnic plant, during the period under review. Sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were posted at the Nachrichten Kaserne and only few personnel were observed moving there. Five trucks were parked in the barracks area. The cantonment west of Wiener Neustadt was guarded by sentries and occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. Truck [ ] was observed in the cantonment.

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[ ] Comment. Wiener Neustadt airfield is still occupied by a Soviet fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments. All of the Po-2s which were at the field have been stripped and shipped away. The Il-28 parked east of the hangar has been previously reported. It is believed to be AOCF [ ]

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